Dewan's reply.—The suggestion deserves careful consideration. Whether it be eventually adopted or not, the amount of hulbanni for every village should be revised once in 5 years with reference to variations in area, or oftener in exceptional cases of material variations. Instructions will issue on the subject (see also Subject No. 142 below).

Subject No. 109.
Night watch cess in Municipalities.

Summary of discussion.—In Government Proceedings No. 1354-62—22, dated 27th May 1890, the system of night patrol by the inhabitants in Municipal Towns has been abolished and the Municipalities required to entertain additional Police if necessary. Under this authority the levy of a tax for night watch is, it is feared, under contemplation. The inhabitants now pay land revenue, local and irrigation cesses and Mohatarfa which are heavy enough for them; and they cannot therefore bear to be further taxed. It is only Brahmins and some Musalmans in certain Municipalities who object to attend to the night watch, but they have been in the habit of sending their servants, and this may be continued, or the necessary additional Police be entertained by the Government who receive one-half of the Mohatarfa revenue of the Municipalities.

Dewan's reply.—No special tax for the purpose indicated is contemplated. Municipal taxation is not heavy. The Municipal Boards have full liberty given them in the matter of taxation, subject to Government sanction.

Subject No. 110.
Weaving hand-machines to be imported by Government.

Summary of discussion.—There was an extensive manufacture of cloths, &c., in this State in former days. It gradually began to diminish by the import of foreign manufactures. The industry is now declining. To remedy this evil and to improve the local industry, weaving hand-machines may be supplied by Government gratis, or the value thereof may be recovered from the weavers in prescribed instalments.

Dewan's reply.—The suggestion will be referred to the Director of Agriculture and Statistics.

Subject No. 111.
D. P. W. Projects.

The following works of public utility proposed by Representatives were noted for investigation and consideration in the Public Works Department:—

(*a*) Road from Jagalur to the Railway Station.

(*b*) Increasing the capacity of the Balalsamudra Tank in the Holalkere Taluk with a probable increase of more than Rs. 1,000 in revenue.

(*c*) Drains and tunnels on the Hosdurga-Holalkere and the Hosdurga-Hiriyur roads, absence of which puts travellers to much inconvenience.